

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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MASS TIMES

Monday 5:30pm
 Tuesday 12:15 pm
 Wednesday 12:15 pm
 Thursday 12:15 pm
 Friday 5:30 pm

Sunday Mass
 Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
 7:00pm (Español)
 Sunday 8:00 am
 10:30 am
 12:30 pm (Español)

Extraordinary Form Latin
 4:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Weekdays, 30 minutes before Mass.
 Saturdays: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

CLERGY

Fr. Everardo Cazares
 Fr. Joven Saavedra
 Deacon Steve Medina
 Deacon Allen Prescott
 Deacon Samuel Reyes
 Deacon John Pelletier

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 10:00am—5:00 pm
 Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am—5:00 pm

Emergencies after office hours phone number:

(979) 451-9824



*The child
 grew and
 became strong,
 filled with
 wisdom; and
 the favor
 of God
 was upon him.*

Luke 2:40

*El niño crecía
 y se desarrollaba
 lleno de sabiduría,
 y la gracia de
 Dios permanecía
 con él.*

Lucas 2, 40

We hope you had a Merry Christmas and we wish you a Happy New Year! May God bless you and your loved ones in this new year.

Esperamos que hayan tenido una Feliz Navidad y les desamos un feliz Año Nuevo! Que Dios lo bendiga a usted y sus seres queridos en este nuevo año.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Horario de Misas e Intenciones
December 28 – January 3, 2021

Monday/lunes - December 28, 5:30 p.m.

+Repose of the soul of Gale Kwiatkowski
 +Repose of the souls of Lee Edward Baca, Jr. & Lee Edward Baca, Sr. (sent off)
 +Repose of the soul of Harvey Ebert, Sr. (sent off)

Tuesday/martes - December 29, 12:15 p.m

+Repose of the soul of John Nowak, Jr.
 +Repose of the soul of Sister Nathaniel Eisel(sent off)
 +Repose of the souls of Mary & Steve Wesneski (sent off)
 +Repose of the soul of Gregory Zuniga (sent off)

Wednesday/miercoles - December 30, 12:15 p.m.

Harvey & Denise Ebert - For his birthday and their 65th wedding anniversary.
 +Repose of the soul of Joyce Duge

Thursday/jueves - December 31

~~~New Years Eve~~~

**12:15 p.m.**

+Repose of the soul of Antone Kubeczka  
 +Repose of the soul of Frank Huvar (sent off)

**6:30 p.m. - In Spanish / En Español**

+Repose of the soul of Maria Jesus Avalos

**Friday/viernes - January 1, 10:00 a.m..**

~~New Years Day~~

Well-being of Diane Hood

**Saturday/sabado - January 2, 5:00 p.m.**

+Repose of the soul of Janet Duge  
 For spiritual well-being of Jason & Karen (sent off)

**7:00 p.m.**

Pro Populo

**Sunday/domingo - January 3, 8:00a.m.**

+Repose of the soul of Angelica Wellmann  
 Living and deceased members of Mary Ann & Robert Fries Family (sent off)

**10:30 a.m.**

+Repose of the soul of Edwin Schmid

**12:30 p.m. - In Spanish / En Español**

Miembros de la Comunidad de Evangelizacion

**4:00 p.m.**

+Repose of the souls of David & Timothy Bolin

**Thank you for your generosity! This is how we are doing:**

**Collection Report**

|           | July     | August    | Sept.    | October   | Nov. |           |
|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------|-----------|
| Offertory | \$46,824 | \$68,685  | \$57,546 | \$58,992  |      | \$232,047 |
| Expenses  | \$54,597 | \$55,137  | \$65,852 | \$71,332  |      | \$246,918 |
|           | -\$7,773 | +\$13,548 | -\$8,306 | -\$12,340 |      | -\$14,871 |

St. Mary's Perpetual Endowment ----- \$36,983.21  
 St. Mary's Cemetery Perpetual Endowment ----- \$26,617.79  
 Purple Bag July – October ----- \$11,700.00  
 Encountering Christ (parish share July – October) ----- \$ 7,519.33

With joyful Masses scheduled for Christmas and New Years Days – the next two Fridays – there will not be Perpetual Adoration. Praying with the Blessed Sacrament will resume in Church on Friday, January 8, 2021.

Con Misas programadas alegremente para Navidad y Año Nuevo, los próximos dos viernes, no habrá Adoración Perpetua. La oración con el Santísimo Sacramento se reanudará en la Iglesia el viernes 8 de enero de 2021. Gracias

The staff and parishioners offer their deepest and heartfelt condolences to the family of Bernice Thiel. May she rest in eternal peace in the arms of God.

El personal y los feligreses ofrecen sus más sinceras condolencias a la familia de Bernice Thiel. Que descanse en paz eterna en los brazos de Dios

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# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



## Holiday Office Hours

The Church Office will be closed from Thursday, Dec. 24, to Friday, Jan. 1, and will reopen Monday, Jan. 4, 2021.

~We wish you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year~

La oficina de la Parroquia estara cerrada a partir del jueves, 24 de Diciembre al Viernes, 1ro de Enero, y reabriremos el Lunes, 4 de Enero del 2021.

~Les deseamos una Feliz Navidad & Prospero Año Nuevo~

Religious Education classes pre-k trough 6th grade will resume on Sunday January, 3rd and Wednesday, January 6th.

Las clases del catecismo de pre-k a 6to grado se retomaran el Domingo 3 de Enero y el Miercoles 6 de Enero.



Polish Christmas Bread has arrived. The cost for a package of 3 white wafers and 1 pink wafer is \$2.25. We have plenty! Stop by the Church office to pick up yours!

Pastoral Council

If you have any comment, question or concern that you would like the Pastoral Council to go over it during our monthly meetings, please sent them to our email [pastoral-council@brenhamcatholic.org](mailto:pastoral-council@brenhamcatholic.org) We will be monitoring the email constantly!

Consejo Pastoral

Si tiene alguna pregunta, comentario o preocupacion que le gustaria que se comentara en nuestras reuniones mensuales del consejo pastoral por favor mandelas a nuestro correo electornico [pastoralcouncil@brenhamcatholic.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@brenhamcatholic.org) Estaremos checando el correo constantemente!

## Did You Know?

The candles used at our Masses are 51% beeswax. The Church prescribes that the candles used at Mass and at other liturgical functions be made of beeswax. The pure wax extracted by bees from flowers symbolizes the pure flesh of Christ received from His Virgin Mother. The wick represents the soul of Christ and the flame represents His divinity.



## ¿Sabías Qué?

Las velas utilizadas en nuestras misas son 51% cera de abejas. La Iglesia prescribe que las velas utilizadas en la Misa y en otras funciones litúrgicas estén hechas de cera de abejas. La cera pura que extraen las abejas de las flores simboliza la carne pura de Cristo recibida de su Virgen Madre. La mecha representa el alma de Cristo y la llama representa Su divinidad.

**St. Teresa of Calcutta Society** helps those in need. For assistance phone 979-525-0090. Calls remain confidential.

**La Sociedad de Santa Teresa De Calcuta** ayuda a esos en necesidad. Para recibir ayuda llame al 979-525-0090. Las llamadas se mantienen confidenciales.

*"Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." - St. Teresa of Calcutta*

*"No siempre podemos hacer grandes cosas, pero sí podemos hacer cosas pequeñas con gran amor."*

# Our Mission

**I**t is not difficult to know what our mission is, since it is the very mission of the Church. This mission is expressed in Sacred Scripture, especially in the Gospels.

“Jesus approached them and spoke thus: “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, then, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you all the days until the end of the world” (MT 28: 18-20).

This mission entrusted directly to the Apostles, today to the Bishops, extends to all baptized people. What we have received, we have to announce. Since I became aware of my being a Christian, I have assumed this task as my own. I have embraced it even more closely since being ordained a priest, and I rejoice that my bishop, Bishop Joe Vázquez, has directly entrusted to me this same ministry to be performed here in our parish.

That is why I state the mission this way:

“In unity with our Diocesan Church of Austin, following the

# Nuestra Misión

**N**o es difícil saber cual es nuestra misión, pues es la misión misma de la Iglesia, que esta expresada en la sagrada escritura, especialmente en los evangelios.

“Jesús se acercó a ellos y les habló así: «Me ha sido dado todo poder en el cielo y en la tierra. Id, pues, y haced discípulos a todas las gentes bautizándolas en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, y enseñándoles a guardar todo lo que yo os he mandado. Y he aquí que yo estoy con vosotros todos los días hasta el fin del mundo.»” Mt 28, 18-20

Esta misión encomendada directamente a los Apóstoles, hoy a los Obispos, se extiende a todo bautizado. Lo que hemos recibido lo tenemos que anunciar. Desde que adquirí conciencia de mi ser cristiano, he asumido esta tarea como algo propio, e indudablemente al ser ordenado sacerdote, mi obispo Joe Vázquez me ha encomendado de manera directa y expresa esta misma tarea.

Por eso enuncio la misión de esta manera:

“En unidad con nuestra Iglesia Diocesana de Austin siguiendo los lineamientos emitidos por nuestro obispo buscamos

guidelines issued by our bishop, we seek to **EVANGELIZE, MAKE DISCIPLES, and FORM THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.**”

**EVANGELIZATION** seeks to provoke the encounter with a God lived and real, through the basic preaching of the Kerygma (Greek for “proclamation” and refers to the Gospel) and prayer. This will take place through initiatives of the pastoral groups and others in the parish.

**MAKING DISCIPLES** is, undoubtedly, the most difficult task, since it consists in making Jesus the teacher in our lives and learning from Him how to live His teaching faithfully in every area of our life. This we will aim for through a continuous catechesis. The parish seeks to be a place of growth in faith.

**FORM THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY** This goal is the natural fruit of living a personal encounter with God and seeking His kingdom in our lives. We cannot live our faith alone. Rather, we need a community where we can share our experiences and nourish ourselves with the testimony of other brothers and sisters in Christ. St. Mary Immaculate Concepción wants to be a place where faith is lived. We intentionally live this way in the Liturgical assembly, in the ministry and service groups and in our own moments of coexistence and spirituality, koinonia (Christian fellowship or communion) and mystagogy (led through the mysteries of faith).

*We are a church on the move that is renewed in the love of God and guided by the prompting of the Holy Spirit.*

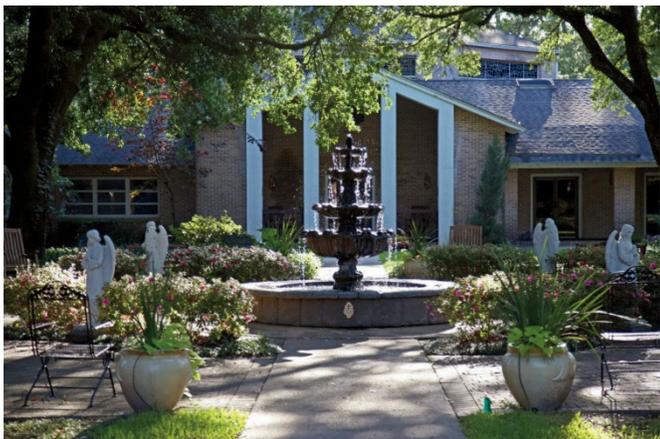
**EVANGELIZAR, DISCIPULAR y FORMAR LA COMUNIDAD CRISTIANA”.**

**EVANGELIZAR** busca provocar el encuentro con un Dios vivo y real, mediante la predicación básica del Kerigma y la oración. Esto se llevará a cabo a través de iniciativas de los grupos pastorales, como de momentos propios provocados por la misma Parroquia.

**DISCIPULAR** sin duda quizá la tarea más difícil, pues consiste en lograr que Jesús sea el maestro en nuestras vidas y aprender de él como vivir en cada área de nuestra vida. Esto lo llevaremos a cabo a través de una catequesis continua. La parroquia busca ser un lugar de crecimiento en la fe.

**FORMAR LA COMUNIDAD CRISTIANA** Fruto natural de vivir un encuentro personal con Dios y de buscar su reino en nuestras vidas. Solos no podemos vivir nuestra fe, necesitamos de una comunidad donde podamos compartir nuestras experiencias y nutrirnos del testimonio de otros hermanos. St. Mary Immaculate Concepción quiere ser un lugar donde se viva la fe, de manera intencional esto lo vivimos en la asamblea Litúrgica, en los grupos de Apostolado y servicio y en los momentos propios de convivencia y espiritualidad, **KOINONIA Y MISTAGOGIA.**

*Somos una iglesia en movimiento que se renueva en el amor de Dios y es guiada por el impulso del Espíritu Santo.*



## MEN AND WOMEN'S RETREATS

When is the last time you devoted a full weekend to yourself, your faith, and the Lord? The Holy Name Retreat Center in Houston invites you to join others from your parish and from area parishes. The men's retreat Jan. 22-24, 2021; women's retreat is Feb. 26-28, 2021. You will have your own private room and restroom. For more information please contact Chris Brown @ 713 201 3396 for the men's retreat; Linda Armstrong @ 936 -727-0443 for the women's retreat, or call Holy Name Retreat Center at 713.464.0211 for registration information. See the website for more details

@ [www.holynameretreatcenter.com](http://www.holynameretreatcenter.com). This year's retreat theme is shown below:

LORD IT IS GOOD FOR US TO BE HERE. ~ MT 17:4  
"The Paradox"

Webster's defines paradox as 'a statement that is seemingly contradictory or opposed to common sense and yet is perhaps true'.

It's good that we are here? It isn't feeling like a good time in life...between the Pandemic and the unrest that we as a country are not just watching but feeling. The words from the gospel of Matthew, spoken by Peter at the sight of Christ shining like the sun, are challenging. The gospel account of the transfiguration is bookended by two predictions of the passion. If we pause to reflect between our own sufferings, can we too say, "Lord it is good for us to be here"?

The challenge of these few words is to find the joy in the middle of the heartache. Spiritual joy amidst the suffering.

Come and join us on 'holy ground' as we prayerfully break open "The Paradox".

### Ethics & Integrity

The pandemic in no way lessens the sacred obligation of those who serve in ministry, both virtual and in-person, to make the Church safe for all. The EIM Office reminds all persons who are due to update their EIM compliance to complete the Temporary Online EIM Training. New employees and new volunteers currently active in ministry should submit an EIM Application and check with their parish/school EIM site administrator regarding the availability of an EIM Workshop.

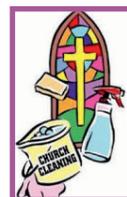
### Etica e Integridad

La pandemia de ninguna manera disminuye la obligación sagrada de quienes sirven en el ministerio, tanto virtual como personalmente, de hacer que la Iglesia sea segura para todos. La Oficina de EIM recuerda a todas las personas que deben actualizar su cumplimiento de EIM que completen la Capacitación temporal en línea sobre EIM. Los empleados nuevos y los voluntarios nuevos actualmente activos en el ministerio deben presentar una Solicitud de EIM y consultar con el administrador del sitio de EIM de su parroquia / escuela sobre la disponibilidad de un Taller de EIM.

Please come by the Office to pick up your Miselette. We cannot put them out in Church, but you are welcome to bring your own copy back and forth.

Por favor pase a la oficina para recoger su Misalette. No Podemos ponerlos en el templo pero usted puede estar trayendo su copia.

January altar care ladies are:  
Elizabeth Nutt      Patsy Kasprovic  
Louise Kessel      Tammy Brauner  
Emily Armour



### St. Mary's Prayer Line

*If you or a loved one needs prayers, call, text, or email:*

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